SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~strikenthrough~~ or [[double bracketed]] in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method of securing a tube to another component, the method comprising providing the said another component with an opening, passage or recess having a region of generally tapering form, introducing the tube into the opening, passage or recess, positioning a clamping member within the tube, and securing the clamping member to the said another component to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the said another component.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping member is also of generally tapering form.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the tube is of a ductile material.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the tube is of a plastics material.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the tube is shaped to include an end region of tapering form prior to the introduction of the tube into the opening, passage or recess.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the action of introducing deforms part of the tube to conform generally, with the tapering shape of the opening, passage or recess.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the clamping member is provided with a screw-threaded passage extending from the lower surface thereof, a screw-threaded bolt being used to secure the clamping member to the said another component, the screw-threaded bolt extending through an opening formed in the said another component and into the screw-threaded passage.

8. (Original) A post arrangement comprising a tube, an end of which extends into an opening, passage or recess provided in a base, the opening, passage or recess being of generally tapering form, a clamping member being located at least partly within the tube, the clamping member being secured to the base to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the base.

9. (Original) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the tube is of plastics construction.

10. (Currently Amended) A post arrangement according to Claim 8 ~~or Claim 9~~, wherein the

clamping member is of generally tapering form.

11. (Original) A post arrangement according to Claim 10, wherein the shape of the clamping member, conforms generally with the shape of the interior of the part of the tube which is located within the opening, passage or recess provided in the base.

12. (Currently Amended) A post arrangement according ~~to any one of Claims 8 to11~~ Claim 8, wherein the clamping member is arranged to be secured to the base by means of a screw- threaded coupling.

13. (Currently Amended) A post arrangement according to ~~any of Claims 8 to 12~~ Claim 8, wherein the post is arranged to carry part of a queue management system.

14. (Original) A post arrangement comprising a tube, an end of which extends into an opening, passage or recess provided in a housing forming part of a queue management system, the opening, passage or recess being of generally tapering form, a clamping member being located within the tube, the clamping member being secured to the housing to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the housing.

15. (Original) A connection arrangement comprising a first component of tubular form, a second component having an opening, passage or recess of tapering form formed therein, and a clamping member, a part of the first component being located within the opening, passage or recess of the second component, the clamping member being located at least partly within the first component and secured

to the second component to clamp the first component between the second component and the clamping member.